

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yoji NISHIO, et al.

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SEALED CONTAINER AND BLANK FOR SEALED CONTAINER**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 30, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 4 and 8 as follows:

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4. (Amended) A sealed container tubular blank for use in a process for producing a sealed container according to any one of claims 1 or 2, the blank having a blank body in the form of a generally rectangular plate, the blank body having generally rectangular first to fourth panels extending continuously along the periphery of the blank with first to third vertical scores provided between the adjacent panels, the first to fourth panels respectively comprising first to fourth top panels, first to fourth trunk panels integral with the first to fourth top panels with first to fourth top horizontal scores formed therebetween, and first to fourth bottom panels integral with the first